

Senate Resolution 499

By: Senator James of the 35th

A RESOLUTION

1 Resolving the issues surrounding human trafficking and transport in and around Metropolitan
2 Atlanta by implementing a recognizable brand bridging awareness with safety and rescue;
3 and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Atlanta has a unique opportunity through its purchasing power to improve the
5 way human trafficking victims recover, reducing the recidivism rate thus reducing its
6 financial bottom line, investing in a safety response system that actually is visible to the
7 human eye, a decentralized workforce that interacts with law enforcement and social
8 services; and

9 WHEREAS, PinkBootz® on the Ground was born from the 501(c)(3), the Power Panel Inc.,
10 a nonprofit organization geared toward survivors using their voices to free other women
11 suffering from the effects of traumatic experiences; and

12 WHEREAS, founded in 2018, the Power Panel is a group of survivors who have overcome
13 and over-won hard-to-discuss social challenges, debilitating, horrifying, traumatic, and often
14 unthinkable acts who have aligned themselves in unison to become a vehicle to change lives;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, the mission of the Power Panel is to give a voice to those who have none, due
17 to fear, intimidation, or a perceived lack of support; and

18 WHEREAS, endeavoring to shed light on issues such as domestic violence, sexual abuse,
19 mental illness, disease, and human trafficking, the Power Panel moves strategically with
20 purpose, planning, prayer, and presence to destroy these works of evil; and

21 WHEREAS, after recognizing the extreme nature of the problem in Atlanta, the "HUB" of
22 the human trafficking industry, it was necessary to create a tool to combat an insidious evil.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 promote an Atlanta that represents the community we once knew rich with arts and
25 education; music, history and tradition: Human trafficking is the fastest growing criminal
26 enterprise and it is taking over our cities and state. It is low risk in the minds of the
27 criminals, extremely high profit, and seemingly moves underground.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
30 press.